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USING THE SAME

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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		European Search Report dated March 27, 2003
		Japanese Office Action dated July 25, 2003, with partial English translation.

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